

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1656**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LI *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/266,935

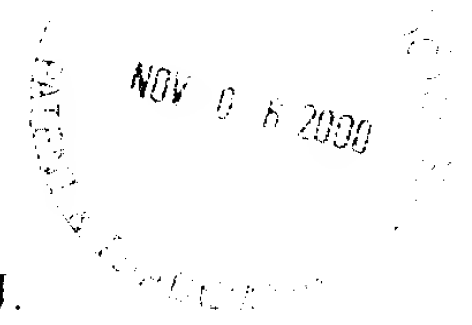
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For: **Compositions and Methods for
Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Riley, J.

Atty Docket: 0942.4560001/RWE/BJD



Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated August 9, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 13), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

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